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SUBJ: STUDENT AND LABOR STRIKES CONTINUE

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1. SOME STUDENT GROUPS CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT CLASSES
AND MOUNT DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE DACCA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.
ARTS STUDENTS HAVE BY AND LARGE RETURNED TO CLASS BEGINNING
MARCH 14, BUT SCIENCE CLASSES ARE BEING HELD ONLY SPORADICALLY
AND SOME UNIVERSITY OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED. SCIENCT STUDENTS
(BELONGING TO BOTH STUDENT FACTIONAL GROUPS) HAVE DEMANDED
ACCEPTANCE BY BDG OF A NINE-POINT PROGRAM OF WHICH CRUX, TO
THEM, IS FURTHER ASSURANCES THAT GOVERNMENT PAY SCALES WILL
BE REVISED UPWARDS FOR SCIENCE GRADUATES.

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2. A LARGE MEETING WAS HELD ON MARCH 18 AT WHICH THESE
DEMANDS WERE SET FORTH AGAIN. MEETING ALSO TOOK OCCASION
TO BURN EFFIGY OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AS PROTEST
AGAINST ISRAELI "AGGRESSION" IN LEBANON.

3. BDG ON MARCH 19 USSED PRESS STATEMENT ON SERIES OF
STRIKES IN COTTON TEXTILES MILLS WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING

ON SPORADICALLY FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS IN A SMALL NUMBER OF MILLS. STATEMENT SAID THAT BDG HAD APPOINTED COMMISSION TO STUDY WAGE LEVELS IN ALL GOVERNMENT OWNED OPERATIONS AND THAT RESULT WOULD SOON BE KNOWN AND WOULD APPLY ALSO TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS. MILLS HAVING STRIKES ARE IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

4. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT BDG STATEMENT WILL IN ITSELF HALT STRIKES. WORKERS AND LABOR LEADERS ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THAT BDG CAN ACT WITH ANY SPEED IN REACHING A PROPOSED NEW WAGE SCALE OR THAT THE RESULT WOULD COME CLOSE TO MEETING EXPECTATIONS.
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